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NEW PENSION SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Pension Fund Regulatory Development Agency (PFRDA) has appointed pension fund managers for the New Pension System(NPS);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of employes of the Central and State Governments are to be covered by the NPS;

(d) whether the NPS entail huge liability for the Central Government;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) steps taken/being taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI P. K. BANSAL)

(a & b) Three sponsors of pension funds viz. State Bank of India, Life Insurance Corporation of India and UTI Asset Management Company have been selected to manage the pension corpus of Government employees under the New Pension System (NPS). All the three sponsors have incorporated Pension Funds as separate entities and registered them as new companies under the Companies Act 1956. The new companies are SBI Pension Fund Ltd, UTI Retirement Solution Ltd and LIC Pension Fund Ltd.

(c) Presently 3,52,941 employees are covered under NPS in Central Government (excluding autonomous bodies, Department of Space, Delhi Administration, Department of Posts, Pondicherry, Lakshadweep) as on 31st March 2008. 19 States have notified implementation of NPS. However, no data about coverage of State Government employees under NPS is available with the Government of India.

(d) NPS does not entail a huge liability on the Government.

(e & f) Does not arise.